LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A method of assimilating and storing for later analysis pharmacy data relating to a prescription for medication, comprising the steps of:

a) obtaining a plurality of transaction records from at least one pharmacy;

b) correlating the transaction records to the prescription;

c) extracting medication dispensing data and medication usage data from the correlated transaction records, wherein the medication usage data includes an amount of medication in the prescription that has been returned or not consumed; and

d) computing actual consumption data from the medication dispensing data and the medication usage data, the actual consumption data comprising:

i) at least one of a plurality of sources for the medications dispensed in the prescription, wherein the plurality of sources include a plurality of pharmaceutical companies, and

ii) at least a portion ~~portions~~ of the actual consumption of the medication that ~~are~~ is respectively attributable to the at least one of the plurality of sources; and

e) storing in a data repository ~~for storing~~ at least one of the transaction records, medication dispensing data, medication usage data and actual consumption data.

2. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of storing at least one of the transaction records, medication dispensing data, medication usage data and actual consumption data in a data warehouse of the data repository.

3. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of communicating the transaction records to a data repository for storage.

4. (previously presented) A method according to claim 3, wherein the transaction records are communicated via an electronic communications network.